



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN LORIN GRISET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Santa Ana California

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
August 5, 2002 to September 4, 2002

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan for the Griset Elementary School of the Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD). This workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 1605 cubic yards (2,207 tons) of soil to eliminate the risk posed by this hazardous substance at the school site. The Lorin Griset Elementary School is located at 2800 N. Farmers Drive, Santa Ana. The school is bounded by the Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) to the northeast and by single-family residences on the south and west. During the site investigation, some areas of the site were found to be contaminated by arsenic that exceeds human health risk standards for schools and other long-term uses. The site will undergo cleanup with oversight by the DTSC. The impacted soil will be removed to eliminate the risk posed by this hazardous substance. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment due to the short project duration and the manner in which impacted soil will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken offsite for disposal/treatment.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide the interested public the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC, concerning the proposed soil removal action, within thirty (30) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged by the DTSC and the SAUSD. Comments concerning the draft Removal Action Workplan may be submitted in writing to Ms. Laura Zarembo, Project Manager, at the DTSC at the address listed below, and must be postmarked by September 4, 2002. A public meeting to discuss the RAW will be held on August 20, 2002 at 7 p.m. in the Santiago Elementary Multipurpose room located at 2212 N. Baker, Santa Ana.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft Removal Action Workplan and other project documents are available at the Santa Ana Public Library, 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92703 and the SAUSD Facilities Planning Office at 1601 E. Chestnut St., Santa Ana, CA, 92701. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, contact: Jone Barrio, (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2917. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Sr. Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875.* SAUSD Contact: Colette Marie McLaughlin, (714) 480-5358. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Lucy Araujo-Cook Oficina de Alcance a la Comunidad del SAUSD, (714) 580-5555.*

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